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University of Trinity College, Toronto.

The Corporation of Trinity College desire to call the attention of all interested in its welfare to the following facts, and to appeal for their generous and hearty support :—

The College was founded in the year 1852 for the purpose of providing a higher University training, based on distinctly religious principles, in connection with the Church of England. Its fundamental purpose is well described in the following words of its noble founder, the first Bishop of Toronto :—

"When we speak of education based on religion, we mean by religion the Gospel of the "Lord Jesus Christ, and that instruction in this, the most important of all knowledge, shall not "be confined to public worship, but shall enter largely into the studies and training of every "department of the College. . . . In Trinity College I trust that the Bible will ever occupy "its true place, as containing the whole revelation of God, the source of all our hopes, and the "safe foundation of all our teaching."

Whilst disowning any hostile rivalry with other Universities in the Dominion, the Corporation believe that the need for a University combining a liberal education with these fundamental principles is still as great as ever. The presence of flourishing denominational Colleges in connection with other religious bodies amongst us, proves that the need is not felt by Churchmen alone. Since its foundation Trinity College has steadily carried on its work without any further appeal to the Canadian public for support; that it has not been inactive may be gathered from the fact that during this period 388 students have entered the College, 152 clergy have received their preparation for the work of the ministry, whilst the munificence of two of its friends enabled it four years ago to build its noble Convocation Hall.

The present staff consists of Professors in Divinity, Mathematics, and Classics, together with Lecturers in Classics, Physical Science, and Modern Languages, as well as in Pastoral Theology, Apologetics, &c. When it is remembered that in addition to the religious instruction of the Arts Students, the College has also to provide for the entire teaching of the Divinity Class, it will be seen at once that there is urgent necessity for reinforcing the Theological Teaching Staff; the need has long been felt, and the Corporation is of opinion that its supply cannot longer be deferred. The establishment of a Professorship of Physical Science is also imperatively necessary to put this important branch of study upon a proper footing. With these additions it is believed that the staff of the College would enable it fully to keep pace with the increasing demands of higher education in the Dominion.

The Corporation are further of opinion that the time has come when a College like Trinity can no longer be left without a suitable Chapel. That we have had no such building has not only been a reproach to us, but also a great practical hindrance to the efficient working of the College.

Further improvements and additions to the existing buildings are also urgently required. The expense of all these works, viz., the endowment of the two Professorships, the erection of a suitable Chapel and necessary improvements to the existing buildings is estimated at $100,000.

The Corporation confidently appeal to the generous aid of all friends of the College towards obtaining this amount. Subscriptions may be spread over five years at the discretion of the subscriber.